The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:37 pm by Council Vice President Roman.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Masser: According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Amianda, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: None

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

January 27, 2018 Budget Hearing (Absent: J. Mania)

Vice President Roman: Mr. Amianda, could you please approve the Minutes of the previous meeting on January 27, 2018 Budget Hearing?

Mr. Amianda: Yes, Mr. President. I make a motion for approval of Minutes of the previous meeting on January 27, 2018 Budget Hearing.

Roll Call: Passed with the exception of Mr. Mania abstained

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante, could you please pass Resolution number one?

1. Resolution: Waiver of Reading Budget in Full.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to pass Resolution number one, Waiver of Reading of the Budget in Full.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: We are on to a Resolution for …

Miss Masser: No, we’re going to have the Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget and Sanitation District Budget. It has to be on the record.
Vice President Roman: Okay.

Miss Masser: We’re going to open it up to the public.

**Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget and Sanitation District Budget**

Vice President Roman: I’d like to open up to the public, Resolution on the 2018 Municipal Budget and Sanitation. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard?

President Nicastro: No.


Miss Masser: We’re just having a Public Hearing, do we need to take a Roll Call, Sherry?

Mrs. Kolody: Do the Roll anyway, Michelle.

Miss Masser: I’m sorry?

Mrs. Kolody: Take the Roll Call.

Miss Masser: Take the Roll Call anyway?

Mrs. Kolody: To be sure, yes.

Miss Masser: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: Don’t you have to introduce it first?

Miss Masser: It’s just that… we’re just having a Public Hearing, it’s not…

Mrs. Labow: So you don’t have to move it.

Miss Masser: Well, we’re going to do… the Resolution to adopt is going to be later and it’s going to be tabled to the next meeting. We’re just having the Public Hearing right now.

Mrs. Labow: Okay.

Miss Masser: Because we advertised for it. We’ll do the Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: We have 18 pieces of Correspondence…

Miss Masser: No. We’re on to Resolution number two to Amend the 2018 Budget.

Vice President Roman: No, that’s being tabled.

Miss Masser: No.

President Nicastro: No.

Mrs. Kolody: No.

Mr. Stewart: No, no, no.

Mrs. Kolody: This is the amendment Alex, for the officers…

Miss Masser: It’s a little confusing, we’re on number two, numbers three and four will be tabled but we still want to put them on the record. We’re going to do them each individually and put them on the record.

Mrs. Labow: Okay.
Vice President Roman: Mr. Mania, can you please pass Resolution number two?

2. Resolution to Amend 2018 Budget.

Mr. Mania: I move to pass Resolution number…

Mrs. Labow: No.

President Nicastro: Three.

Vice President Roman: Three or two?

Mr. Tatarenko: No . . . two.

President Nicastro: Which one?

Mayor Greenbaum: Two.

Miss Masser: Two.

Mrs. Labow: Two.

Vice President Roman: Two.

Mrs. Kolody: This is . . . let me . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: The Resolution to amend to add money back into the Budget . . .

Miss Masser: Sherry.

Mrs. Kolody: Thank you, Rob.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . for the Class III Officers.

President Nicastro: Officers, okay.

Mrs. Kolody: Yes, this is the amendment from what we introduced.

President Nicastro: Okay.

Miss Masser: Okay.

Mr. Mania: It’s clear as mud.

President Nicastro: Yes, number three, number two.

Mrs. Labow: So first…I have to move…

Miss Masser: Who’s making the motion on number two?

Mrs. Labow: Me.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Miss Masser: You’re going to make a motion.

Mr. Stewart: Three and four.

Mrs. Labow: I make a motion…

Miss Masser: Then there’s going to be a second.

Mrs. Labow: I make a motion…
President Nicastro: I’ll second.

Mrs. Labow: I make a motion to approve Resolution number two.

President Nicastro: Second.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: You both did seconds. Roll Call.

Miss Masser: Anybody from the public…

Vice President Roman: Anybody from the public? There’s a reason why you let me do this.

President Nicastro: Better you than me, that’s for sure.

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none.

Miss Masser: Council?

Vice President Roman: Anyone from Council? Done. Roll Call.

Miss Masser: I’m sorry.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Mrs. Kolody: This is lengthy because normally we just adopt the Budget…

Miss Masser: Yes.

Mrs. Kolody: . . . and we don’t amend it. There’s a lot more going on here, that’s why it’s . . .

President Nicastro: Confusing.

Mrs. Kolody: Yes, exactly Joe.

Miss Masser: Right.

Mrs. Kolody: Yes.

Vice President Roman: Plus, it’s in English

Miss Masser: We’re doing number three. We’re going to do number three but we’re not…

Mr. Mania: That’s me.

Miss Masser: It’s going to be tabled. We’re going to make a motion to table.

3. Resolution to adopt the 2018 – Municipal Budget. (Tabled)

Mr. Mania: I make a motion to table Resolution number three.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Motion seconded. All in favor? I’m sure…we don’t have to vote on that, I’m assuming. Right?

Miss Masser: Yes. I’m just going to take a Roll Call.

Vice President Roman: Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously
Vice President Roman: Mr. Stewart, would you be so kind as to table Resolution number four?

Miss Masser: Make a motion to table.

4. Resolution to adopt the 2018 – Sanitation District Budget. (Tabled)

Mr. Stewart: Thank you. I would like to make a motion to table Resolution number four for Sanitary Budget.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Moved and seconded, Roll Call please.

Miss Masser: Public.

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public want this tabled?

President Nicastro: That’s why you sit here…

Miss Masser: Does anybody from the public have anything?

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public?

Mr. Mania: No wonder Joe didn’t want to do this one.

President Nicastro: That’s why, I was out of it tonight.

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public have any questions or comments on Resolution number four? Seeing none. Anyone from Council?

President Nicastro: No.

Vice President Roman: Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Alright.

Miss Masser: Now we’re on to Correspondence.

President Nicastro: Now you’re on…

Vice President Roman: Hopefully we didn’t mess it up and nobody’s getting paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received February 26, 2018, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Five sustainability success stories.

2. Email received February 26, 2018, from Jim McGreevey regarding Senator Bob Menendez Attending Reentry Conference.

3. Email received February 28, 2018, from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding Signs of Spring.

4. Letter received March 1, 2018, from Wendy W. Goetz – concerned Citizen of NJ5 / 24 Warren County regarding Delaware Basin / Watershed Fracking Regulations Resolution.

5. Email received March 1, 2018, from NOFA-NJ regarding Upcoming NOFA-NJ Events.

6. Email received March 8, 2018, from NOFA-NJ regarding Gardening, Markets, and Meetings!

7. Email received March 9, 2018, from NOFA-NJ regarding Action Alert: Save our farms, our food, our future!
STATE AGENCIES

8. Email received February 23, 2018, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.


10. Email received March 6, 2018, from FEMA regarding 2018 FEMA National Youth Preparedness Council.

11. Email received March 9, 2018, from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin.

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12. Letter received February 27, 2018, from County of Morris Department of Public Works Division of Mosquito Control regarding Application for Countywide Freshwater Wetlands GP-1 and GP-15, Flood Hazard Area GP-2.

13. Email received March 1, 2018, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Photo Contest Winners.

14. Letter received March 5, 2018, from County of Morris Department of Public Works Division of Mosquito Control regarding Yearly Information packet on Mosquito Control.

15. Email received March 9, 2018, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Some Non-Snow News and Fun.

16. Final Equalization Table received March 9, 2018, from County of Morris for the Year 2018.

UTILITIES

17. Email received February 28, 2018, from JCP&L regarding JCPL Expects to Spend $357 Million in 2018 to Enhance Service Reliability.


Vice President Roman: We’re on to 18 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions on Correspondence? Seeing none. We’re on to the Public Hearing for Ordinances. I open to the public… I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #8-2018 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord. #8-2018 Township of Mount Olive, Morris County, New Jersey Calendar year 2018 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Cost of Living Allowance and to Establish a Cap Bank.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Nicastro.

President Nicastro: Yes, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #8-2018.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: It’s been moved and seconded. Any Council discussion?

President Nicastro: John’s back.

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

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ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: I open the hearing to the public on…Ordinance #8-2018 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. I now open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #9-2018 entitled,


Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Mr. Ferrante, please.

Mr. Ferrante: I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #9-2018.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: It’s been moved and seconded. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call.

Miss Masser: Did we do the public?

Vice President Roman: Yes, we did the public.

Miss Masser: Okay.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Ordinance #9-2018 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. We’re on to Ordinances for first reading with a second reading of March 27, 2018. Ordinance #10-2018 and it’s entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading March 27, 2018

Ord.#10-2018 Bond Ordinance Amending in its Entirety Bond Ordinance #8-2017 of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Providing for Various Capital Improvements, Finally Adopted February 28, 2017, to Include Additional Projects, to Decrease the Appropriation and Authorization Amounts, to Increase the Down Payment and to Delete References to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant from the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that Ordinance #10-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on March 27, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: Any Council discussions? Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA

Resolutions on the Consent Agenda List are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion (one vote). There will be no separate discussion or debate on each of these resolutions except for the possibility of brief clarifying statements that may be offered. If one or more Council member requests, any individual resolution on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.

5. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Revising the Police Department Rules and Regulations.


8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Professional Service Agreement Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-to-Play Law for the Year 2018. (Banisch Associates, Inc.)

9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Professional Service Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-to-Play Law for the Year 2018. (Van Cleef Engineering Associates)

10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Non-Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Play” Law. (Harrington Construction Co. Inc.)


12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a Purchasing Contract for 2018. (JCW Inc. d/b/a Natural Green Lawn Care)

13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a Purchasing Contract for 2018. (Challenger Fence, Inc.)

14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Amending the 2018 Temporary Budget for All Funds.

15. Resolution to Amend 2018 Temporary Capital Budget.

**Vice President Roman:** We’re on to Consent Resolutions. They will be five through thirteen.

**Mrs. Labow:** Fourteen and fifteen…

**Vice President Roman:** Fourteen and fifteen are being tabled, correct?

**President Nicastro:** Are fourteen and fifteen being tabled?

**Miss Masser:** No. We already tabled the two.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** No, those are staying.

**Vice President Roman:** We already tabled.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** They’re all on.

**Miss Masser:** We’re going to do five…

**Vice President Roman:** Five through…

**Miss Masser:** Make a motion for five through fifteen.

**Vice President Roman:** Does anyone wish to move any Resolutions to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Mania, can you please move Resolutions five through…

**Miss Masser:** Fifteen.

**Vice President Roman:** Fifteen.
Mr. Mania: I move Resolutions five through fifteen.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Moved and seconded. Roll Call.

Miss Masser: Anybody from the public…

Vice President Roman: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? None? Any Council discussions? Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS

1. Bill List

Vice President Roman: We’re on to the Bill List, Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: I would like to move for adoption and passage, the Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: Moved and seconded. Roll Call.

Miss Masser: Any public?

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public want to…

Miss Masser: Anything on the Bill List?

Vice President Roman: Nothing on the Bill List?

Miss Masser: Council comments…

Vice President Roman: Any Council comments?

Miss Masser: Roll Call.

Vice President Roman: Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously with the exception of President Nicastro abstained on check #81992

Vice President Roman: We’re on to Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum: I’ll start. First of all, I’d like to wish Council President Joe Nicastro a happy 33rd birthday for the 25th time. I have a bunch of things. First, I don’t know if you’ve seen my Facebook page, but we’ve actually added a new Facebook page which is a virtual job fair. We’ve had an incredible response to it, so if anyone can help get the word out that we’re looking for all those employers who are looking to hire; that we can get it up and be able to get the residents of Mount Olive who are looking for jobs, we think that’ll be an incredible benefit to the Township.

Mr. Stewart: I also reposted it to the Chamber site for you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you. I appreciate that. I’m very happy to announce that Jill Daggon received the Association Service Award at the NJRPA Conference, March 6, 2018. I can tell you from anecdotal experience, Jill seems to win an award every year. We’re very proud of her efforts. I think that many towns around us are very envious of our Recreation Program. She does a great job.

Vice President Roman: Agreed.
Mayor Greenbaum: Saturday, March 24th, in the Senior Center from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm will be the Tech and Brick event, showcasing our Robotics Team. If you don’t know, the Robotics Team had an event, a District event this last weekend at the high school and although they didn’t fair very well in the competition, in terms of their overall effort they were successful in achieving the Chairman’s Award, which is the highest award that the FIRST Robotics competition presents. It is an overall service award for community involvement and many other factors that go into the presentation of that award. It is an extremely great achievement for the Mount Olive Robotics Team and it will automatically qualify them for certain upcoming events that they otherwise might not have qualified for. I’m very proud of their efforts. On a less happy note, I know that the food pantry is in need of donations. Any help in spreading the word, either through Facebook or through other social media or through the Chamber; any help in terms of additional donations for the food bank would be greatly appreciated. This year we are going to be participating in the Kindness Tour that CMS is sponsoring. I don’t know if you saw it on my Facebook page, but it’s pretty exciting. We’re going to be involved the entire week of April 16th through 20th and we’ll keep you posted in terms of what we’re going to do and how we’re going to be involved as a Township. I think that’s all that I have. I’m glad to see that Councilman Mania has returned healthy and happy.

Mr. Mania: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Well rested.

Mayor Greenbaum: Well rested.

Mr. Mania: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Welcome back.

Vice President Roman: That explains the winter storm we got.

Mayor Greenbaum: The last thing that I need to bring up is the Stigma Free, which have been . . . there are some window . . . I don’t want to say stickers but . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: Clings.

Mayor Greenbaum: Clings that are going to be, hopefully throughout the Township and most of the commercial establishments, demonstrating that Mount Olive Township is proud to be stigma free in terms of the way that we operate. That’s all that I have.

Vice President Roman: Andrew?

Mr. Tatarenko: I just want to add that two weeks ago I sent out the information manual to the Old Flanders neighborhood in regards to the sewer project. I’ve started to receive some feedback, so once I have more feedback I will share that with the entire Council.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: I have a question for Andrew.

Vice President Roman: Yes, Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Andrew, what kind of feedback are you getting? Because I’ve gotten a few calls.

Mr. Tatarenko: Negative in regards to the financial impact that the residents will endure.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I also . . . they were confused . . . they were like “Why are we getting this? I thought this was all settled.” kind of a deal, so . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: They . . . it was just additional . . . you tell them it’s just additional information?

Mr. Tatarenko: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: Oh boy.
Vice President Roman: Anything else?

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

Mr. Tatarenko: That’s all.

Vice President Roman: That’s it? Any Old Business? New Business? Legal Matters?

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Ms. Sharpe: Yes, thank you. I just wanted to note that the Township’s affordable housing compliance hearing is Friday, so I’ll be in court with Chuck McGroarty and hopefully obtain an order for substantive certification and then you’ll be done and protected until 2025. You all may have heard about an important court decision that was issued this week out of Mercer County with Princeton and West Windsor who actually litigated their cases. Many of the courts in the State have been waiting for Judge Jacobson to come out with her opinion, which is very complex. It deals with the methodology to be used to calculate affordable housing and as we expected, it’s sort of somewhere in between what the towns are advocating and what Fair Share is advocating. The nice thing about it is we’re compliant, we don’t have to worry about it, we don’t have to be embroiled in the appeal that will likely happen . . . so you can rest assured that you are in a great position and everything will be completed on Friday. That’s it.

Vice President Roman: Thank you.

Ms. Sharpe: Thank you.

Vice President Roman: Once again, I applaud . . .

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Vice President Roman: . . . your office for diligent work regarding that.

Ms. Sharpe: Thank you very much.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice President Roman: Council reports. Mr. Amianda, Board of Education.

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison

Mr. Amianda: Mr. President, I have a partial Board of Education report due to a snow storm power blackout from March 1, 2018 to March 9, 2018 in some parts of this town. Mount Olive High School district held its annual Robotic Team Competition at the high school grounds for two days, Saturday and Sunday, as you have been told. There were 40 school districts from New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania competing for awards to team members. The competition was well attended and Mount Olive Township and the School District received good comments from the visitors. They have never seen such an outstanding school compound like Mount Olive and some of the people I talked to had good, positive comments. They asked me, and of course I told them I was on the School Board at one time and they were asking me, “How did you do it? Because we, in Sussex County, we can’t get anything done like this.” and I told her that it takes the cooperation of all of the Board members and it also takes the cooperation of the Town Council to accomplish good results. I told them that when we were voting to invest money in schools and in robotic teams, we had to work together and that’s what is needed. If we work together, we’ll leave behind outstanding results. There were 40 school districts from New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania competing for awards to each . . . to team members. Now, on senior citizens, the Mount Olive Seniors Club met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 11:30 am. Sergeant Carl Mase from Mount Olive Police Department was the main speaker and the topic of his speech was Six Winter Safety Tips for Seniors to Prevent Common Winter Dangers that the elder population faces. The steps that he advised the seniors to follow were how to avoid slipping on ice, dress for warmth, fight wintertime depression, check the car, prepare for power outages, and prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. The seniors were really appreciative of the speech from the Sergeant and they thank the Police Department and the Township Council
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for all the services that they are getting from us. Mount Olive Police Department served the seniors with lunch provided by Mount Olive Municipal Alliance Committee. That’s the end of the report.

Vice President Roman: Thank you, Mr. Amianda. Mr. Ferrante, Environmental and Lake?

Environmental Committee – none
Lake Issues – none
Library Board Liaison – none

Mr. Ferrante: Environmental was cancelled last week due to weather, so we’re looking to reschedule for later in the month. Nothing else for this.

Vice President Roman: Anything on Library?

Mr. Ferrante: No.

Vice President Roman: Thank you, Mr. Stewart?

Economic Development Committee Report – none
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Thank you. Alex, I have an EDC meeting that will be this week. I’ll report on it in the next meeting and then the Community Action Panel started planning for the fall event and as things come, we’ll bring it to the Council.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow, Open Space, Board of Health, and Stigma?

Open Space Committee Report
Board of Health Report
Stigma Committee

Mrs. Labow: Yes, Board of Health meets next week and as I passed out to all of you, except for Mr. Nicastro and the Mayor, because you guys weren’t here when I passed them out; the Health Department is trying to do a community voice initiative. It’s a survey that they’re asking residents in Mount Olive to fill out and it’s being . . . well, the Mount Olive residents are going to be entered into a drawing for an iPad and if you fill it out through the organization with the newjerseyhealthmatters.org, they are giving . . . let’s see, a chance to win one hundred dollars or a signed Jets football for filling out the survey. That’s really nice.

Vice President Roman: Do they want people to fill that out? Is that what you’re saying?

Mrs. Labow: No, we need…

President Nicastro: A Jets football?

Mrs. Labow: A Jets football.

President Nicastro: Why?

Mrs. Labow: I don’t know, I guess they got one.

President Nicastro: Just a curiosity question.

Vice President Roman: I filled out the Mayor’s already where it says gender identity… I put “unknown”.

Mrs. Labow: Unknown.

Miss Tomasello: That’s interesting.

Vice President Roman: Sorry.

Mrs. Labow: That was a very interesting question, I was taken aback by that one. I had to think about it for a second. Anyway, so if we could… if you know of anybody from Mount Olive that would fill this out, they’re trying to get as many surveys as possible, so that’s why we’re passing them out tonight.
Mr. Stewart: There’s an online link too, isn’t there?

Mrs. Labow: There is, I believe. Absolutely, yes. Right there. Did you see it? Is it the www.njhealthmatters.org?

Mr. Stewart: Yes, it should be there on the top of the page.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, and that should lead you to there and also, they’re going to be asking the Mayor to put it on his Facebook page, the information.

Mayor Greenbaum: Happy to do so.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you very much. For the Open Space Committee, I was not able to attend last night but as I understand, one of the Boy Scouts in Town is going to do his Eagle Scout project making kiosks for some of the trailheads. We’re still working on that which is really awesome. He was coming and doing a presentation, so we’ll get more information for that as soon as I receive that. Also, for the Stigma Committee, thank you, Mayor, he has asked me to be the ambassador of Stigma Committee. Lisa Brett helped me, we started a Facebook page, so if you want to go onto the Facebook page, if you see something positive or a story you want to share, we’d love to have you participate. I was going to have an opening on the 24th of March at Presents of Mind but I just found out today there’s something…a conflict has arisen. We’re going to move it to a Friday night, which we hope will be a little bit better for everybody on April 20th. I just have to confirm with Presents of Mind. The reason why we’re choosing Presents of Mind to have our initiative; Presents of Mind is a wonderful gift shop. I don’t know how many of you have been there, it’s over at the Mall at 206. They hire all Special Needs employees, which is just really phenomenal. They all kind of go hand in hand, so they’re thrilled that we’re going to be coming there and having our kickoff there. We’ll move forward from there. I also was in touch with the County. Freeholder Kathy DiFillippo, she’s the one who spearheaded this and I think almost every County now, every town in the County, we have thirty-nine towns; I believe almost every one, except for maybe one or two, are now Stigma Free. Registered proud to be Stigma Free. That’s it.

Vice President Roman: Thank you, Mr. Mania.

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report – none

Mr. Mania: Nothing on Legislative. Last week’s Planning Board meeting was cancelled. We have one coming up on the 15th, this Thursday.

Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee Report

Vice President Roman: For myself, Recreation meets next week and on Pride, we are finalizing and choosing the banners for the spring and summer and nailing down future projects. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closing Council comments. Mrs. Labow, do you have something?

Mrs. Labow: Can I just back up and have a question first? I want to ask the Mayor and Andrew. I had heard that Toys “R” Us is changing their whole thing, they’re going out, basically. How is that going, obviously they’re not going to need their distribution center anymore in Flanders, have you heard anything? Any thoughts going on yet?

Mayor Greenbaum: Nothing in addition to what you’ve heard. Obviously, they’re having tremendous financial problems; they filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. They were hoping that someone was going to come in and either provide an influx of money or actually buy the company, that hasn’t happened. I think the likelihood of their being dissolved through bankruptcy is great, which will create an issue in terms of obviously the distribution center which is in Town. I don’t think that it’s going to affect us in the short-term because they’re still going to own the property. I think in the long-term, it’s a very viable property and I’ve already reached out to Andrew in terms of a number of different thoughts that I had, in terms of trying to attract, perhaps somebody who might be interested in the property. I think that probably will get worked out through the bankruptcy process as Toys “R” Us moves through their dissolution, somebody will come in and will take that space. The real estate is still there, it’s still owned, it’s still being taxed; similar to the way that Sam’s Club, when they went out, we’re still… that hasn’t affected us in the slightest in terms of our tax revenue. It obviously affected a number of residents who lost employment and we’ve stepped in and tried to fill those voids.

Mrs. Labow: Same thing with Babies “R” Us?
Mayor Greenbaum: Same thing right now with Babies “R” Us. It’s a little bit different, because the real estate is probably owned by a third party. Sam’s Club, the building itself…

Mrs. Labow: Was there…

Mayor Greenbaum: … is owned by Sam’s Club. I can tell you that I’ve had some interest in terms of filling that space, but Sam’s Club has an existing four-year lease on the property; a land lease with the current owner of the land, so I don’t really see any tax consequence in terms of loss over the next four years related to Sam’s Club. I would imagine that we’re probably in a similar or better situation with respect to the Toys “R” Us Distribution Center, which is, I think a first-class operation in terms of the upgrades that they did. It’s a very viable location, which somebody ultimately will come in and take over, so we’ll see a change in ownership but not really any financial consequences as a result of what’s happening to them financially.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

Vice President Roman: That’s good to hear. Mr. Amianda, any Council comments?

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: Yes, I asked the Council members to unite and work together to move forward. That’s the only way that we are going to put this Town on the map. The things that we’ve accomplished over there, on the School Board, were because we worked together. If there was, if the Superintendent came up with a good recommendation, we supported it. Even when the Mayor comes up with a good project, we should support it and move forward without looking backward. They asked how we’ve accomplished having a school like this here. It’s because we work together. We always win, we had a good accommodation, we’re united and we should do the same.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: I just want to say happy birthday to President Nicastro.

President Nicastro: Thanks, I appreciate it.

Mrs. Labow: Do you feel older?

President Nicastro: I was old yesterday, so I feel old today.

Mrs. Labow: Happy birthday.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Many, many, many, many more.

President Nicastro: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Mania, welcome back.

Mrs. Labow: Oh yes, welcome back Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: I too wish Mr. Nicastro happy birthday.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Just a shout out to all of the responders, Tim’s group, the DPW; great job with the back to back to back snow storms. It’s really evident when you go to a couple of the other towns in the area. Cheers.
Vice President Roman: Thank you, I too want to wish Mr. Nicastro a happy birthday and just to remind you to always give 100 percent, except when you’re donating blood or getting a divorce.

President Nicastro: I remember, I saw that on your Facebook.

Vice President Roman: With that being said… yes?

Mayor Greenbaum: Can I just jump in on something that Greg said in terms of the responders, which is always something that’s bothered me because obviously when there are issues with the storm response, it comes back to me and it comes back to me on my Facebook page? Let me just say that the guys do a phenomenal job in every single storm that comes. You have to recognize, and Tim will agree with me, that each storm is different. It depends upon when it comes in, the consistency of the snow, the weather temperatures, the amount of traffic that’s on the road, how the wind blows, and the trees that pull down. Even our response here, which our Town faired much better than other Towns around us, is different based upon the factors that each Town saw. Places like Chester and Mendham, which had much greater tree loss, obviously had greater impact in terms of their daily response and the effect that it had on their community for the days which followed. We were very fortunate in these storms. It was, I would imagine in a lot of ways, an easier storm to deal with. These were easier storms for us to deal with than some other storms where we’d get two inches of ice and not a foot and a half of snow. What you have to recognize, and while I appreciate Greg’s comments, the response that we get in each and every storm is the same. It’s the same. They go out and they do the best job that they can under the circumstances which are presented. Every storm is different. I try and explain this to people. There are some storms where it is impossible to get down to blacktop. If a storm comes in and then it gets down to twenty degrees, the snow is not going to melt and you’re going to be dealing with a lot of people who are unhappy about the response which Mount Olive gives. You have to understand that we have 25 guys doing 30 miles of roadway. We have limited resources in terms of our sand, our grit, and our salt. We use them as best we can to get through the season, so that we are able to do other things. There are times when we’re not going to be at blacktop and there are other times, like the storms that we’ve just had, where we are very fortunate that we really only had one major road closure, which was Drakestown Road . . .

Mrs. Labow: River Road.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . during this storm. Other towns, as I said, through Chester was a disaster. Mendham was a disaster.

Mrs. Labow: Montville.

Mayor Greenbaum: Montville. Well, when you look at Montville, they got . . .

President Nicastro: Twice.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . almost twice as much snow as we got. I was talking to Tim about that, they got ten more inches than we got. Ten more inches is another large snowstorm and there’s no place to put the snow.

Mrs. Labow: It’s wet snow.

Mayor Greenbaum: It was.

Mrs. Labow: Heavy, wet.

Mayor Greenbaum: It was. We were very fortunate in these storms in terms of how it hit Mount Olive. We got a lot of snow, but it was the kind of snow you could push off the road and the weather afterward was appropriate in terms of what happened to our roadways. I agree with you that they did a great job. I think the message that all of us need to send is that they do a great job in every storm but the storm itself is really the predicting factor in terms of how we all have to deal with the roadways afterwards.

Vice President Roman: Thank you, I’d like to just jump on top of that and also thank the electricians and JCP&L, especially the out of state linemen that came up. When we’re all sitting inside, hopefully with the electricity on enjoying ourselves in comfort, these gentlemen and some ladies are up in some harsh weather getting the power back on. Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to also say that not only is our DPW staff absolutely fantastic with every single storm but they’re also very responsive when there is an issue. I had one resident contact me. One of the plow trucks got stuck in her yard because the ground was very soft and our equipment’s
very heavy, especially with all the salt on there, and Tim and his department were right on it and got that. They assured her “Don’t worry, when spring comes we’ll get your yard repaired.” and that was phenomenal. I also want to add onto what Mr. Roman said. One of my son’s friends is a lineman. He said it’s really terrible. You’re out there trying to fix the power and you’ve got people literally throwing stuff at you, screaming at you, calling you names… and it’s like… it’s not their fault, they’re doing the best they can. After hearing that, I was actually in Montville and it was really bad. There were wires and trees down everywhere. I had to stop at a stop sign, the truck was there, I rolled down the window and thanked the guys. He goes “What? Oh my God, did you say thank you? Wow, thanks lady.” It was really nice to see the smile on his face. A little bit of kindness…

Mr. Mania: Goes a long way.

Mrs. Labow: Goes a long way, doesn’t cost you anything, and it’s so rewarding to see their smiles.

Mr. Mania: It’s nice to be nice.

Mrs. Labow: Oh, it is. It’s wonderful. So that’s…sorry.

Vice President Roman: So true. Can I get a motion to adjourn please?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, Township Clerk of Mount Olive do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on April 10, 2018.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk